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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office, has completed a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Salt Wells Energy Projects, located in the Salt Wells area about 15 miles east of Fallon, in Churchill County, Nevada. The Salt Wells Energy Projects consist of three separate projects proposed by Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPC), Ormat Technologies, Inc. (Ormat), and Vulcan Power Company (Vulcan). This Final EIS analyzes the right-of-way application submitted by SPPC and two separate geothermal utilization plans submitted by Ormat and Vulcan. Cooperating agencies for the EIS include the Department of Navy, Bureau of Reclamation, Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Nevada Department of Minerals, Nevada Department of Wildlife, Churchill County, and the City of Fallon.

Following the Salt Wells Energy Projects Final EIS 30-day availability and comment period, three separate Records of Decisions will be issued. The Final EIS is available at www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field.html or at the BLM Carson City District Office. Please send written comments to: BLM Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office, Attn: Salt Wells Energy Projects, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701. Comments may also be sent via email at saltwells_eis@blm.gov.

Public comments submitted for the proposed projects, including names and addresses of those who commented will be available for public review at the Carson City District BLM office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment-including your personal information- may be publicly available at any time. While you ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Sievers at (775) 885-6000 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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